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## NACOGDOCHES BUSINESS OWNER ADMITS TO FEDERAL FIREARMS VIOLATION

(Lufkin, Texas) A 72-year-old Nacogdoches man pleaded guilty to a federal firearms charge today in the Eastern District of Texas. **DON BECK**, owner of the 59 Motel in Nacogdoches, admitted to possession of an unregistered firearm before United States Magistrate Judge Earl Hines today.

According to information presented in court, on December 14, 2005, search warrants were executed at Beck's residence and the 59 Motel in which numerous firearms were seized. A federal grand jury returned an indictment on January 10, 2006.

Beck faces up to ten years in federal prison at sentencing and a fine of up to \$10,000. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives and the Nacogdoches Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Lisa Flournoy and Reynaldo P. Morin is prosecuting the case.

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